

permitting at least one customer household to preselect and record transmitted movies;

permitting the at least one customer household to playback for viewing any preselected, recorded movie;

communicating movie playback information from the at least one customer household to a central controller system; and

using the communicated movie playback information to bill the at least one customer household for only those preselected, recorded movies that are played back for viewing.

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10. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1 including the step of utilizing the movie playback information communicated to the controller unit to credit an account of a content provider who provide the movies for distribution.

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21. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of blanket transmitting further includes transmitting using transponders operating at power levels of at least 240 watts.

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24. (AMENDED) A method of distributing movies to customer households comprising the steps of:

blanket transmitting a plurality of movies to a plurality of customer households; recording for storage on DVD RAM at at least one customer household, transmitted movies that are preselected by a customer;

at the at least one customer household, playing back those preselected, recorded movies that the customer household indicates for viewing; communicating information from the at least one customer household to a central controller system to notify that a preselected, recorded movie has been played back for viewing; and using the communicated viewing information to charge the at least one customer household for a preselected, recorded movie that is viewed.

25. (AMENDED) A system for distributing movies to customer households, comprising:

means for blanket transmitting at faster than real time speeds a plurality of movies to a plurality of customer households;

means permitting at least one customer household to preselect and record transmitted movies;

means permitting the at least one customer household to playback for viewing any preselected, recorded movie;

means for communicating movie playback information from the at least one customer household to a central controller system; and

means for billing the at least one customer household for only those preselected, recorded movies that are played back for viewing.

26. (AMENDED) A system for distributing movies to customer households, comprising:

a data transmission system simultaneously blanket transmitting a plurality of encoded movies to a plurality of customer households for receipt on a plurality of inputs;

 a user station at at least one customer household, the user station including means permitting the at least one customer household to preselect transmitted movies for recording;

 a receiver and associated recording device at the at least one customer household for recording preselected movies;

 a playback device at the at least one customer household for playing back those preselected, recorded movies that the customer household indicates for viewing;

 a central controller system having a database for storing therein an address corresponding to the at least one customer household;

 a communications link between the at least one customer household and the central controller system to notify the controller system that a preselected, recorded movie has been played back for viewing; and

 a billing system associated with the central controller system to bill the at least one customer household for only those preselected, recorded movies that are played back for viewing.

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Please add new claims 64-67 as follows:

64. A method of distributing movies to customer households comprising the steps of:

 simultaneously blanket transmitting a plurality of movies to a plurality of customer households;

permitting at least one customer household to preselect and record transmitted music selections;

permitting the at least one customer household to select at least one recorded movie to maintain for unrestricted playback;

communicating unrestricted playback information from the at least one customer household to a central controller system; and

using the communicated unrestricted playback information to bill the at least one customer household for the recorded music selections selected for unrestricted playback.

65. A system for distributing movies to customer households, comprising:

a data transmission system blanket transmitting a plurality of encoded movies to a plurality of customer households;

a user station at at least one customer household, the user station including means permitting the customer household to preselect desired transmitted movies for recording;

a receiver and DVD RAM drive at the at least one customer household for recording preselected movies;

a playback device at the at least one customer household for playing back those preselected, recorded movies that the at least one customer household indicates for viewing;

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a communications link between the at least one customer household and the central controller system to notify the controller system that a preselected, recorded movie has been played back; and

a billing system associated with the central controller system to bill the at least one customer household for only those preselected, recorded movies that are played back.

66. The system of claim 65, wherein the DVD RAM drive further comprises a multi-disk DVD-RAM storage device.

67. A system for distributing movies to customer households comprising the steps of:

blanket transmitter transmitting a plurality of movies to a plurality of customer households at faster than real time speeds;

storage means permitting at least one customer household to preselect and record transmitted movies;

playback means permitting the at least one customer household to playback for viewing any preselected, recorded movie;

communication means communicating movie playback information from the at least one customer household to a central controller system; and

billing means billing the at least one customer household for only those preselected, recorded movies that are played back for viewing.

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